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GOLDEN DARKNESS

THERE WAS A TIME

There was a time when I was shy and lonely,
  And stood in strange bewilderment apart;
And no one spoke to me, and silence only
  Would fold my songs into her tender heart.

There was a time when only windy darkness
  Would fan my dreams with glamoured loveliness.
But you have come, and nights are filled with starkness;
  And I am lonely for my loneliness.

Oh, you have come—and silence is a stranger,
  And darkness keeps aloof from my distress;
And you—oh, you are all too fraught with danger,
  And I am lonely for my loneliness.

CLOUDS AND WAVES

With bent heads hidden the clouds run by,
Muffled in shadow, across the sky.

With lowered eyes, in the darkness of the sea,
The hunched lean waves scud away fearfully.

How great is the wrong, and where is the place?
What is the truth that they cannot face?